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Class of 2020

The Wabash Plain Dealer is launching an interactive campaign to celebrate our Wabash County seniors! With COVID-19 disrupting graduation plans and daily life for our students, we want to do something special to commemorate their hard work and memories. We are posting photo challenges at www.facebook.com/wabashpd and the best submissions will be featured on our website and in a special section published at the end of the school year. Submit your favorite memories to news@wabashplaindealer.com or post your memories and photos to your social media page using the hashtag #WCClassof2020 to participate.

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Second Harvest announces extra Tailgate Food Distribution

One such extra event is set to take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, at the Wabash County Council on Aging, 239 Bond St. No IDs, proof of address or need are required. All are welcome. Distribution is while supplies last. We are requesting that attendees only go through the line one time so we can serve everyone. If you are walking up or coming via a vehicle too small to carry a load of food, please plan to arrive an hour after the tailgate starts. For more information, visit www.CureHunger.org.

Wabash to host Virtual First Friday event on May 1

Wabash Marketplace will be

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SCAN receives additional assistance to help families

COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund to supply food, rent, utilities, childcare, communications

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

As families in northern Indiana face unprecedented levels of stress due to the pandemic and economic fallout, Stop Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) has received additional funds from the Department of Child Services (DCS) to assist families with their basic needs in 16 northern Indiana counties, including Wabash County, according to Mandy Drakeford, chief philanthropy officer.

On Tuesday, April 21, SCAN and its Community Partners Local Prevention

Dollars Program announced the launch of the COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund “to support immediate economic stability and basic needs of families in the communities we serve.”

“With funding from the DCS, SCAN’s COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund will provide funds to support the following needs: food, rent, utilities, childcare (Level II childcare provider or higher), transportation (gas cards and bus passes), and communication (cell phone number and internet) for families with a child under the age of 18 in the res-

idence,” stated Drakeford. “To distribute this support to families, SCAN’s Community Partners Program is partnering with other agencies to ensure the community’s needs are met. These funds will only be used to equip families with urgent needs, and these funds do not support operating expenses.”

In response to a Plain Dealer request, Drakeford stated at this time, they did not have Indiana and county-specific data to determine how exactly the current COVID-19 lockdown is impacting the current rates of child abuse and neglect.

“What we do know, is that when there is an event that causes increased stress within a home, there’s an in-

creased risk of abuse and neglect. Our Community Partners program is trying to ease these stressors as much as possible by equipping families with their basic needs so children are not put in a neglectful or abusive situation,” stated Drakeford.

Nonprofits funding basic needs are invited to apply for SCAN’s COVID-19 Response RFP at <https://www.scaninc.org/ncp/rfp/covid19>.

Parents and caregivers in need of additional support are encouraged to call SCAN at 800-752-7116 or submit a request at <https://www.scaninc.org/ncp/referral>.

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ISDH adds six more Wabash County COVID-19 cases; total 28

State begins reporting cases specific to long-term care facility residents

By **ROB BURGESS**

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On Tuesday, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) added six more cases to Wabash County’s positive COVID-19 count, making the local total to 28.

Over the weekend, Wabash County’s number of positive cases nearly doubled from 12 to 22.

According to the ISDH, Wabash County still has one COVID-19-related death and has conducted 161 tests.

Long-term care facilities being counted

The Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester started proactively testing all of its 350 employees on April 22, executive director Rod Craft stated in a Monday statement to the Plain Dealer.

As of Monday, April 27, the company stated that 22 employees tested positive after “a majority” of the results have been received.

Starting this week, the company is voluntarily testing all residents. Craft said this measure will help the company identify and positive resident cases before they start exhibiting symptoms, which will help the facility implement any additional precautions to stop the virus’ spread.

In response to a Plain Dealer request Sunday, the state’s Joint Information Center stated the ISDH only “provides aggregate totals but will not break down cases by the facility.”

“As of Tuesday, April 21, 199 long-term care facilities have reported at least one positive case of COVID-19. A total of 993 residents and 575 staff have tested positive. To date, 162 individuals have died,” they stated.

During a televised press conference Monday, Dr. Daniel Rusyniak, chief medical officer for the Indiana Family and Social Services Agency, said they would begin reporting totals every Monday related to long-term care facilities, the data for which would be collected the previous Friday.

On Monday, the ISDH reported 1,467 positive long-term care facility resident tests, with 474 of those being new. That’s around 2 percent of everyone in the state

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Planting season begins across Indiana



Provided photo

According to the most recent data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, farm vehicles other than trucks were involved in 98 crashes across the U.S., with two of those accidents occurring in Indiana.

Be alert, slow down, share the road

STAFF REPORT

As spring arrives and temperatures rise, farmers across Indiana will begin to plant the state’s 15 million acres of crops. To keep motorists and farmers safe this planting season, several state agencies have partnered together to encourage Hoosiers to be alert, slow down and share the road with farm equipment, according to Regan Holtsclaw, Indiana Department of Agriculture communications director.

According to the most recent data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, farm vehicles other than trucks were involved in 98 crashes across the U.S., with two of those accidents occurring in Indiana.

While the term “farm equipment” encompasses a wide range of vehicles, the most common types motorists will encounter during planting season include sprayers, tractors pulling planters or tillage equipment and large trucks hauling agricultural products. These vehicles are wide, sometimes taking up most of the roadway, and

often travel at speeds no greater than 25 mph.

The following list includes several safety tips for motorists approaching large farm equipment:

■ Farmers will pull over when they are able to let you pass, but it may take time for them to get to a safe place to do so. Be patient.

■ Farm equipment is wide, sometimes taking up most of the roadway. Be careful when passing.

■ Do not pass if you are in a designated “No Passing Zone” or within 100 feet of any intersection, railroad grade crossing, bridge, elevation structure or tunnel.

■ Do not try to pass a slow-moving vehicle on the left without ensuring that the vehicle is not planning a left turn. It may appear that the driver is pulling over for you to pass when it is actually preparing to turn. You will drive right into its path, endangering yourself and the farmer.

■ Avoid tailgating, as some farm equipment might have to make sudden stops along the road.

■ Allow plenty of time to get to your destination, be aware of alternate routes and avoid distractions.

For more information, visit isda.in.gov.

Parkview urges community to seek necessary emergency care, despite COVID-19

Emergency room visits have declined 50 percent since the start of the pandemic

STAFF REPORT

Parkview Health officials are reminding the community that all emergency departments are open, safe and ready to provide emergency care, which should never be delayed, according to Contact: Tami Brigle, public relations manager.

Patients should seek immediate treatment for serious injuries or urgent symptoms, especially those of heart at-

tack or stroke. Providers say that while emergency room visits have declined 50 percent since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the severity of symptoms has significantly increased because patients are waiting too long to seek treatment. Delays in emergency care can result in irreversible damage, long-term side effects or even death.

Enhanced infection prevention and safety measures include:

■ Patient screening upon arrival.

■ Separate, contained treatment areas for patients with symptoms of COVID-19.

■ Appropriate personal protective equipment for co-workers and masks for patients with symptoms of COVID-19.

■ Negative pressure rooms to prevent airflow contamination.

■ Enhanced cleaning procedures in all areas of the facility.

“Additionally, UV sterilization lights are currently being used at Parkview Regional Medical Center and Parkview Hospital Randallia to supplement cleaning procedures. The lights provide additional sanitation in rooms that have been occupied by a patient

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Lawson introduces online absentee ballot application

Applications must be completed, received by May 21

STAFF REPORT

On Tuesday, Indiana Secretary of State Connie Lawson announced their online portal has been upgraded to allow voters to request an absentee ballot directly from the website, according to a press release.

Previously, voters could only request an absentee ballot by mail, email, or fax.

“Lawson announced this change as part of ongoing efforts by her office and the Indiana Election Division to

make it easier for Hoosiers to vote in the June 2 Primary Election,” stated the release.

Any registered voter may request an absentee ballot for the June 2 Primary Election. To vote absentee-by-mail, voters who qualify must complete an absentee-by-mail application. These are available online at www.IndianaVoters.com. Voters may also submit their request by mail, email or fax. The application must be completed and received by the county election board or the Indiana Election Division by May 21.

After an application has been received, the voter will

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Easing up: U.S. and Europe grapple with when to reopen schools

By ANGELA CHARLTON, ELENA BECATOROS and NICK PERRY
Associated Press

PARIS — The question of when to reopen schools looms large as European countries and U.S. states draw up plans to restart their battered economies.

Despite alarm among some teachers, parents and mayors, France detailed plans Tuesday to start opening schools on May 11, with limits on class size and rules requiring face masks. Hard-hit Italy intends to keep schools closed until September. And in the U.S., where President Donald Trump said states should seriously consider resuming classes before the end of the academic year, dozens have said it would be unsafe for students to return until the summer or the fall.

Elsewhere around the world, the virus appeared all but vanquished in New Zealand. Australia opened the beach in Sydney. Brazil was emerging as a new hot spot for infections. And new doubts were raised over whether Japan will be able to host the already postponed Summer Olympics next year without the development of a vaccine.

Germany, widely praised for its handling of the outbreak there, reported an uptick in the infection rate since some small businesses were allowed to reopen just over a week ago. But it was too soon to say whether the easing of the restrictions was to blame.

The number of confirmed infections worldwide stood at more than 3 million — including 1 million in the U.S. — and the confirmed global death toll topped 210,000, according to Johns Hopkins University. The true toll is believed to be much higher because of limited testing, differences in counting the dead and government concealment.

Italy, Spain, France and Britain accounted for more than 21,000 virus-related

deaths each, while the U.S. recorded more than 57,000, the highest in the world.

Although the coronavirus seems to affect children far less seriously than adults, many officials, teachers and parents are concerned about the health risks that school openings could pose.

Some point to the difficulties of ensuring that children stick to social distancing and frequent hand washing, and to the dangers for teachers.

But many parents would struggle to return to work without schools being open, hampering efforts to counter the world's deep economic slump.

French Prime Minister Edouard Philippe announced that elementary schools will reopen May 11 and high schools May 18. He said all high school students will have to wear masks, and class sizes will be capped at 15.

Joel Wilmotte, mayor of the French town of Hautmont, went on Facebook to list seven reasons he is not ready to open the schools, including ill-equipped teachers and cleaning staff and opposition from parents.

Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis outlined his government's plan for a gradual lifting of the lockdown there, saying high school seniors will restart classes on May 11, followed a week later by students in lower grades. Elementary schools and kindergartens will remain closed, and might open on June 1 "only if we are absolutely certain that the course of the epidemic is waning," he said.

In Italy, the decision to keep the schools closed until the fall could make it harder for parents to return to work. Typically grandparents in Italy are fallback baby sitters, but they are now off-limits because they are vulnerable to the virus.

Emer McCarthy, who works in the Vatican's child protection office, tweeted that Italian Premier Giuseppe Conte had addressed

a lockdown exit "for everyone except Italy's children. Incredible. No mention of schools, childcare options, nothing. But football yes. #ChildrenNotSeenNot Heard."

In Germany, where the virus has claimed about 6,000 lives, Lothar Wieler, the head of the Robert Koch Institute, said the number of people infected by every person with COVID-19 has risen from 0.7 before the lockdowns were eased to a still manageable 0.96.

Wieler urged Germans to keep abiding by social distancing, wearing masks while on public transportation or shopping and staying at home when possible.

New Zealand reported just three new infections Tuesday. Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said people have done an incredible job of breaking the chain of transmission but cautioned they need to remain vigilant.

"There may still be some smoldering ashes out there, and they have the potential to become a wildfire again, if we give them the chance," she said, quoting a microbiologist.

Her government loosened its lockdown, which had shuttered schools and most businesses. Surfers hit the waves at dawn, builders returned to construction sites and baristas fired up espresso machines.

In Australia, hundreds returned to the water after Sydney's iconic Bondi Beach reopened to swimmers and surfers. Still, people can use the beach only during daylight and must keep their distance from one another. Australia has recorded 83 virus deaths, fewer than what most U.S. states have reported.

But the virus is still a long-term foe. The president of the Japan Medical Association, Yoshitake Yokokura, said he thinks it will be difficult to hold the rescheduled Tokyo Summer Olympics even in 2021 without an effective coronavirus vaccine.

Gloomy summer looms as pandemic cancels U.S. festivals, trips

By PAT EATON-ROBB
Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Thelma Uranga is sprucing up her back deck in Chicago, hoping to host some small gatherings to take the place of the summer's usual neighborhood festivals built on music, food and time with friends.

"People look forward to summer because winter tends to feel like an eternity," said Uranga, 38. "We were just getting to that point where things kick off."

Instead, she and many others are "mourning summer 2020" as cancellations pile up because of efforts to stop the spread of the coronavirus.

From Cape Cod to California, festivals are being nixed, businesses in tourist havens are looking at empty reservation books, and people who have been cooped up through a dismal spring are worrying summer will bring just more of the same.

As the weather warms, some already have begun venturing outside in larger numbers, despite guidance to stay home. Government officials say they aim to manage public health risks in a way that allows for a gradual return to normal, but with the course of the outbreak still unknown, nobody is sure what summer will bring.

On a typical summer day, the Ship Bottom Brewing beer house on New Jersey's Long Beach Island is packed. Bartender Bridget Barlet isn't expecting anything close to that this season.

"I'm scared even if we do open up, it just won't be the same, especially if distancing rules are continued," she said. "A lot of people will still be too nervous to venture back into what life as usual used to look like."

Youth baseball leagues are holding out hope they will get in a sliver of a season, water parks are unsure if they will be able to open, and restaur-

ants are wondering if it's worth welcoming dine-customers when social distancing guidelines would slash the numbers they can host at one time.

Little League coach Noah Rouen, 45, of Plymouth, Minnesota, a father of four boys, is hoping there might still be time for a shortened season. After all, he said, 95 percent of baseball is played without anyone getting within 6 feet of one another.

"Those games under the lights, that's something special for the kids," he said.

In New Jersey, Gov. Phil Murphy has not indicated when his state's beaches and casinos will reopen. He said Monday he hoped there would be "some semblance of normal" at the shore this summer but gave no indication when those decisions might be made.

Along Virginia's coast, a long list of festivals have already been canceled, and the usually bustling Virginia Beach oceanfront sits quiet and empty.

The now-scrapped Something in the Water music festival, organized by musician and producer Pharrell Williams, should have wrapped up Sunday. Late May's Patriotic Festival, which celebrates the military community, has also been called off.

"It's surreal and sobering," said Mike Standing, 50, a Virginia Beach restaurateur and hotel owner. "Our losses will probably take five years to regain."

Some destinations are taking measures themselves to manage the risks.

At Tony Gore's Smoky Mountain BBQ & Grill in Sevierville, Tennessee, which opened to dine-in guests Monday, each diner faced the same infrared thermometer gun required of the employees clad in masks and gloves.

"You've gotta start somewhere, is the way I look at it," said Keith Carter, the

restaurant's general manager. "You've gotta start getting the business back and start getting the economy headed back in the right direction."

Tennessee officials, who allowed restaurants to reopen in 89 of the state's 95 counties starting Monday, have said they are discouraging travelers from out-of-state and have yet to release guidelines for tourist attractions, such as Dolly Parton's Dollywood theme park in Pigeon Forge where hundreds of furloughed employees are waiting to get back to work.

Cities and towns across the country also are sorting out what the pandemic will mean for municipal pools, beaches and summer caps.






Can the virus be spread in chlorinated pools? Will day-campers have to remain 6 feet apart while playing? New Haven, Connecticut, Mayor Justin Elicker said he and his staff are working on getting answers — but it's not easy.

"If businesses open, then parents or guardians will have to work," Elicker said Monday. "So, we want to be able, as much as we can, to provide opportunities for care and meaningful activities for young people. The challenge is how to do that while at the same time ensuring the safety of the young people."

In Southern California, the Orange County Fair was canceled Monday for the first time since World War II. Last year the summer staple drew nearly 1.4 million visitors for its livestock shows, carnival rides, fried food and big-name concerts.





"This is the worst news, just devastating," chef Linda Johnsen said. Since 2013 Johnson has owned Filomena's Italian Kitchen and Market in Costa Mesa, a few blocks from the fairgrounds. She estimated that her revenue jumps between 40 percent and 60 percent during the three-week exhibition.

5-Day Weather Summary

 Wednesday Showers Likely 61 / 44	 Thursday Showers Likely 53 / 42	 Friday Mostly Sunny 60 / 49	 Saturday Mostly Cloudy 71 / 54	 Sunday Few Showers 70 / 48
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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 8:43 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 6:47 a.m.

 First 4/30	 Full 5/7	 Last 5/14	 New 5/22
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 95% chance of showers, high temperature of 61°, humidity of 63%. West southwest wind 9 to 15 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 95% chance of showers, overnight low of 44°. West northwest wind 10 to 15 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 39°.

Introducing the concept of a younger sibling can be fun

DEAR DOCTOR: Our son will be 3 years old when his baby sister arrives this fall. What can my husband and I do to help him understand the changes that are on the way?

DEAR READER: Congratulations on your growing family, and also on planning ahead for a major change in your son's life.

At this point, you've mastered the baby basics that were probably daunting when your son first came home, such as, well, just about everything. Now you and your husband, along with your toddler, face a new learning curve. You'll be juggling the care of two young humans at different stages of development, and your son will be coming to terms with his new role as the older — and no longer only — child. The steps you take as your pregnancy progresses, as well as how you integrate your new daughter into family life, will go a long way to smoothing the transition.

Start by talking to your son about the coming baby. As a toddler, his ability to grasp either the scope or the details is limited, so use visual examples to help bridge the gap. If someone in your circle of friends and family has a baby, see if you can arrange for your son to meet and spend time with them. (You may have to do this virtually for the time being.) If possible, repeat these visits throughout your pregnancy.

Make a game out of spotting infants when you're out and about in the world. Get one or two of the many excellent picture books available about the birth of a new sibling and read (and reread) them together. When your pregnancy has progressed enough, let your son feel the baby's movements. Explain that his new sister can hear him, and encourage him to talk and sing to her. If you've decided on a name for your new arrival, use it when talking about her.

This is a great time to break

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors




out the family photo album and show your son pictures of you while you were pregnant with him, as well as of his first few months of life. Telling a simple but specific story about each photo will not only help the images become real, it will let your son know he has a solid place in your family's history.

Pediatricians often recommend buying a life-sized baby doll and using it to practice contact, as well as caregiving activities. Include your son in the preparations for the baby. Toddlers love color and shape and texture, and letting him in on decisions for decor and toys for the new baby's room will give him a sense of ownership and control. And — very important — your husband should be actively

involved in each of these steps as well.

Don't be surprised if your son becomes anxious and clingy as your due date approaches and once the new baby is home. It's common for young siblings to regress a bit at this point. Just continue to give him love, reassurance and one-on-one private time, and be patient as everyone adjusts to their new roles.

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Daily Three-Midday
2-8-0, SB: 7
Daily Three-Evening
4-6-9, SB: 7
Daily Four-Midday
9-1-1-2, SB: 7
Daily Four-Evening
3-2-3-4, SB: 7
Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$186 million
Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$43 million

TUESDAY'S METALS

Aluminum.....	67
Copper.....	2.34
Lead.....	73
Zinc.....	86
Gold.....	1,704.76
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Steve M. Sopher

Jan. 3, 1957 – April 25, 2020

Steve M. Sopher, 63, Denver, Indiana, died April 25, 2020.
Born Jan. 3, 1957, in Peru, Indiana, he was the son of James Clifford Sopher, Sr., and the former Bonnie Doriette Dickerhoff.
A drive-thru viewing will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 2, 2020, at McClain Funeral Home. Please enter through the west drive of the parking lot.
A private family funeral will be held with burial in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico.
Family and friends are also encouraged to view the obituary and leave messages of condolence at www.mcclainfh.com. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Indiana, has been entrusted with arrangements.

Blood test helped detect cancer before symptoms, study finds

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP Chief Medical Writer

For the first time, a blood test has been shown to help detect many types of cancer in a study of thousands of people with no history or symptoms of the disease.
The test is still experimental. Even its fans say it needs to be improved and that Tuesday's results are not ideal. Yet they show what benefits and drawbacks might come from using these gene-based tests, called liquid biopsies, in routine care – in this case, with PET scans to confirm or rule out suspected tumors.
“We think that it’s feasible,” said Nickolas Papadopoulos, a Johns Hopkins University scientist who helped develop the test. Using it along with standard screening methods

“doubled the cancers that were detected” in the study, he said.
But the test also missed many more cancers than it found and raised some false alarms that led to unnecessary followup procedures. It was only studied in women 65 to 75 years old and needs to be tried in men, other ages and more diverse groups.
“This is not at the place where it could be used today,” said Dr. Len Lichtenfeld, deputy chief medical officer for the American Cancer Society. “It will need many more studies to demonstrate value,” including whether it improves survival, he said.
Results were published in the journal Science and discussed at an American Association for Cancer Research conference that was held online because of the coronavirus pandemic.

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living long-term care facilities. Those results amount to 10 percent of the state’s total positive cases.
So far, there have been 260 deaths in long-term care facilities, 98 of those being new. Long-term care facility deaths amount to 32 percent of state’s total fatalities from the novel virus. In total, 148 facilities have reported at least one positive case, 26 of those being new; and 85 facilities reported at least one death, 11 of those being new.
Rusyniak said they were not providing a similar breakdown for staff at these facilities, as some staff members work at multiple places.
“We want to make sure the data we’re reporting is as accurate as can be,” he said.
Rusyniak said families of long-term care facility residents who have additional questions should email family outreach@isdh.in.gov.

Statewide totals

On Tuesday, the ISDH announced that 650 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at ISDH, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and private laboratories. That brings to 16,588 the total number of Indiana residents known to have the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day’s total.

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with confirmed or potential COVID-19 and can disinfect areas that may be hard to reach manually,” stated Brigle. “Visitor restrictions also remain in place at all hospitals to limit the number of people in each facility and reduce exposure risk. No visitors are allowed in emergency departments with the exception of

minor patients, who are permitted to have one parent or guardian with them for the duration of their stay. Emergency medical services personnel are also following enhanced precautions to continue providing safe patient care. If you have been seriously injured or have urgent symptoms, such as difficulty breathing, chest pain, numbness, or trouble walking, speaking or understanding, go to the nearest emergency room or call 911.”

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hosting a Virtual First Friday on May 1 on Facebook from 4 to 8 p.m. Businesses will not be open to the public except for carry-out. The community is encouraged to visit the Facebook Event Page titled, “Online Event, First Friday in Wabash 5/1/20” or at the link <https://www.facebook.com/events/336939347269386/>. The event will also be linked from the Facebook Page “First Friday-Wabash, Indiana.” For more information, visit www.wabashmarketplace.org or call 260-563-0975.

Closings announced due to COVID-19 concerns

■ Access Youth Center: All scheduled after school and weekend programming is canceled until further notice.
■ BMW: Closed until further notice. The phone number is 888-692-6841 and the lines are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. For more information, visit <https://www.in.gov/bmv/4363.htm>.
■ Community Foundation of Wabash County: Individuals with questions may email patty@cfwabash.org or julie@cfwabash.org, or call 260-982-4824.
■ Division of Family Resources: Offices closed until further notice. Visit the FSSA benefits portal at www.fssabenefits.in.gov. DFR staff is available by phone at 800-403-0864 to provide customer service from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Clients may also continue to send documents to DFR via mail at P.O. Box 1810, Marion, IN 46952.
■ Farm Service Agency: County offices are open in Indiana by phone appointment only until further notice, and staff is available to continue helping agricultural producers with program signups, loan servicing and other important actions. Call 260-563-7486.
■ Honeywell Foundation: All events at foundation properties including the Honeywell Center, Honeywell House, Eagles Theatre, Dr. James Ford Historic Home and Charley Creek Gardens are suspended until further notice.
■ Living Well in Wabash County: The Community Cupboard pantry will operate as a drive-through with regular pantry hours, which are from 3 to 5 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays; closed Wednesdays; and open from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays. Senior lunches at Winchester Senior Center will be operated as a drive-through at the front door of the senior center from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Lunch reservations continue to require 48 business hours of reservations. Seniors age 60 and older wanting a lunch must call Winchester Senior Center at 260-563-4475.
■ Manchester Community Schools: Closed through the rest of the school year.
■ Manchester University: Remote teaching for students will last through the end of the semester. Residence halls will close for the remainder of the semester. All campus activities for the remainder of the semester have been canceled or postponed.
■ MSD: Closed through the rest of the school year.
■ The North Manchester Center for History: Temporarily closed to the public. The Crossroads: Change in Rural America exhibit is available through video on the NHCH Facebook page at www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterHistory.
■ North Manchester Public Library: Closed until further notice. Except for hotspots, no materials will be due during the closure. All online events will stream on the NMPL Facebook at www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterPublicLibrary/ and will then be archived on the Online Programming Archive. For more information, email nmpl@nman.lib.in.us, call 260-982-4773 or visit www.nman.lib.in.us.
■ St. Bernard School: Closed through the rest of the school year.
■ Wabash Carnegie Public Library: Closed until further notice. Overdue fines for all times except Wi-Fi hotspots waived until further notice. For more information, email warew@wabash.lib.in.us or visit www.wabash.lib.in.us or www.facebook.com/WabashCarnegieLibrary.
■ Wabash City Hall: Closed through at least 8 a.m. Monday, May 4. All public meetings postponed. Citizens should visit www.cityofwabash.com to pay bills for wastewater, ambulance billing and building department permits. City court offers pay by phone services. Phone calls to the main Wabash City Hall number at 260-563-4171 will be answered by voicemail. Questions regarding COVID-19 can also be directed to the new email address at covid19info@cityofwabash.com. Anyone with questions should call 260-274-1485 or email mayor@cityofwabash.com.
■ Wabash City Schools: Closed through the rest of the school year. Current e-learning days include Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
■ Wabash Circuit and Superior Courts and Court Services (Probation and Community Corrections divisions): Closed to the public Wednesdays and Fridays through April 30.
■ Wabash County Courthouse and Wabash County Health Department: Closed to the public except by appointment. Payments and other documents for these offices may be placed in a large locked box located just inside the west basement door of the courthouse. For more information, visit www.wabashcounty.in.gov or call the Courthouse at 260-563-0661 ext. 1222.
■ Wabash County Judicial Center: Closed to the public. A drop box is located outside, near the top of the stairs, for depositing payments and documents. The Wabash County Elections office may be reached at 260-563-0661 ext. 1238, Wabash County Circuit Court at 260-563-0661 ext. 1241, Wabash County Superior Court at 260-563-0661 ext. 1254, Wabash County Court Services at 260-563-8466 ext. 1276, Judicial Annex Court Security: 260-563-0661 ext. 1261 and Wabash County Clerk of the Courts: 260-563-0661 ext. 1239.
■ Wabash County Museum: Temporarily closed until further notice.
■ Wabash County Solid Waste Management District: Offices and warehouse closed to the public until further notice. 24/7 drop sites at 1101 Manchester Ave. and at the Hardware in North Manchester will remain open for regular recycling. For more information, call 260-563-7649.
■ Woman’s Clubhouse: Closed through at least May 8.
■ WorkOne: Closed until further notice. Contact staff by phone at the Wabash location at 260-563-8421.
■ Winchester Senior Center: All daily activities suspended until further notice.
New dates, postponements, cancellations set for Honeywell Center, Eagles Theatre events
■ Honeywell Center: Hairball rescheduled for Friday, Sept. 18. Big Bad Voodoo Daddy will be rescheduled but does not yet have a set date. “Finding Neverland” has been canceled and ticket holders will receive an email with information regarding their refund.
■ Honeywell House: Cabaret!!!, Dinner Chamber Series “Opus Two,” Conversations on Renovation and Eagles Theatre

Ballroom Dances into the Future will be rescheduled, but does not yet have a set date.
■ Eagles Theatre: Top of the Charts rescheduled for Thursday, June 18. Tribute to John Denver rescheduled for Thursday, July 23. Buckets N Boards will be rescheduled but does not yet have a set date.

Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity for May 13

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 13 at Richvalley Community Center, 56 W. Mill St.

Farmers market season set to begin May 16

The Downtown Wabash Farmers Market opens from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 16 in the Honeywell Center/ Wabash Elk’s Parking Lot. The market occurs every Saturday through Sept. 26. If you are interested in becoming a vendor or volunteering at the event, call 260-563-0975 or visit www.wabashmarketplace.org.

Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity for May 19

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 19 at First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass St.

Mural festival seeks local artists

Make It Your Own Mural Fest, organized by the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership and Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne, is asking artists to apply for the Artist and Mentorship Programs as part of the 11-day mural festival scheduled for Sept. 8 to 18. Make It Your Own Mural Fest is also searching for volunteers for the Mentorship Program. Applications are available at www.NElmuralfestival.com and are open through the end of May.

Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity for June 2

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 2 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 2 at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S. Cass St.

Wabash Kiwanis Club Pancake Day officially rescheduled

The Wabash Kiwanis Club’s annual Pancake Day has been rescheduled from March 14 to Saturday, June 6 at the Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds. The event’s Pancake Eating Contest will take place at noon. Pancakes, with or without blueberries, will be available, along with sausages and refreshments. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for adults 13 and older and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 and younger. Sponsorship opportunities for businesses are available by emailing KiwanianDonnaSiders@donnasiders@hotmail.com or calling 260-571-1892. For more information, email keaffa@msdwc.k12.in.us.

Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity for June 6

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 6 at Scotty’s Bar, 780 Manchester Ave.

Dia De Lagro rescheduled due to COVID-19 concerns

Dia De Lagro, which was originally set for Tuesday, May 5, has been rescheduled to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, June 13 at Eads Barn, 4725 E. 200 North, Urbana. Comedian and Wabash County celebrity, Michael Palascak, is set to bring laughter to Lagro as the headliner of the event, which will benefit the revitalization of downtown Lagro. Appetizers, cocktails, singer Kimberly Rutledge and Emcee Reed Christiansen are set to begin at 5:30 p.m. A Mexican-themed dinner, catered by Gallery 64, will begin at 6 p.m. with Palascak taking the stage at 7 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$75 each, \$125 per couple or \$500 for a table of eight. For more information, visit lagrocanalfoundation.com. Those interested in donating prizes for the silent auction or would like to become a main sponsor may email lagrocanalfoundation@gmail.com. For more information, email aeads4725@gmail.com or call 260-571-2428.

Registration for annual Dam to Dam Century Ride and new triathlon now open

Visit Wabash County has announced registration for the Dam to Dam Century Ride and the DAM(N)MAN! triathlon is now open. D!M! will take place on the same day as the Dam to Dam Century Ride – Sunday, Sept. 13 – and will incorporate the newest and longest 150-mile bike route, plus a 3.1-mile swim and will end with a 31-mile run. The early bird registration fee for the bike ride is \$40 through May 31, however, attendees can use promo code D2DSAVE10 to save \$10 for a limited time. The price increases to \$50 beginning June 1. The registration fee for the triathlon is \$135, however, participants can use promo code DMSAVE40 to save \$40 for a limited time. For more information, visit www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series or call 260-563-7171.

Manchester University moves 2020 Commencement to fall

The dates for ceremonies at the North Manchester campus are: Saturday, Oct. 17, Pharmacy Hooding ceremony and Graduate and Professional Commencement (Doctorate in Pharmacy, Master of Athletic Training and Master of Pharmacogenomics) Cordier Auditorium; and Sunday, Oct. 18, Undergraduate and Master of Accountancy Commencement. Physical Education and Recreation Center (PERC).

Indiana 105 bridge at Salamonie Lake closed

Salamonie Lost Bridge West and East state recreation areas are accessible only from the south. To access Indiana 105 on the north side of the bridge, from the south of the bridge heading north on Indiana 105, the official detour will be Indiana 124 to Indiana 9 to Highway 24. The entire bridge deck will be removed and replaced. The bridge, and road, is scheduled to re-open Sunday, Nov. 15.

Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplainealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

Opinion

SPEAK UP

How to contact your legislators:

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LETTERS GUIDELINES

The Wabash Plain Dealer encourages your letters to the editor forum, which is designed to be a forum for exchange of ideas between readers about issues of community importance.

Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 99 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to news@wabashplainedealer.com with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.



DAILY SCRIPTURE

I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

Philippians 1:19-20

Harvard University does the right thing ... eventually

Harvard University is no Shake Shack. The fast food chain recently received \$10 million in forgivable loans under the government's Paycheck Protection Program, meant to help small businesses pay employees struggling during the coronavirus pandemic. Shake Shack returned the money, CEO Randy Garutti and founder Danny Meyer explaining, "We've decided to immediately return the entire \$10 million PPP loan we received last week to the (Small Business Association) so that those restaurants who need it most can get it now." Harvard University, the Ivy League institution of higher learning across the Charles, was also in line for federal

largesse, some \$9 million from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act. They started making plans to spend it. "Harvard has committed that 100 percent of these emergency higher education funds will be used to provide direct assistance to students facing urgent financial needs due to the Covid-19 pandemic," the university tweeted. Harvard has expenses, obviously. A reported 55 percent of full time undergraduates receive some kind of need-based financial aid. But the school also has a hefty endowment – some \$40 billion. According to the university's website, returns from the endowment help to

fund financial aid programs, among other things. Harvard could have had a Shake Shack moment. But it took President Trump to pry one out of them. "Harvard should pay that money back," Trump said Tuesday, April 21 during a coronavirus press briefing. "This isn't meant for one of the richest institutions, far beyond schools, in the world." The university is now giving the bailout funds a pass. It would be great if people and institutions did the right thing as a matter of course. These days, we have to take what we can get. – This editorial was first published in the Boston Herald.



Two cases that could help restore constitutional equilibrium

The nation's second-most important court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, sits at the foot of Capitol Hill, half a mile from where Congress sits and a mile from the White House. The court frequently referees disputes between the federal government's political branches, and next Tuesday will be a portentous day there. The full court will hear oral arguments in two related and combined cases, the final resolution of which might occur on Capitol Hill, in the Supreme Court. At issue is the already much-damaged equilibrium of the Constitution's separation of powers. If both cases are decided correctly, the vitality of Congress will be enhanced and the pretensions of presidents will be chastened. Today's column concerns the case involving Congress' investigative powers. A subsequent column will address the case concerning Congress's core power, that of controlling government's purse strings. Tuesday's arguments will concern standing – whether the House can seek a judicial remedy for its injuries. If it has standing, it should win on the merits. Both cases are, therefore, vital to what University of Virginia law professor Saikrishna Bangalore Prakash, in his just-published book "The Living Presidency: An Originalist Argument Against Its Ever-Expanding Powers," calls the need to "recage the executive lion." A year ago, the House Judiciary Committee subpoenaed Don McGahn, who had been the White House Counsel, to testify concerning matters relating to oversight of the Trump administration and the possible impeachment of the president. McGahn refused to comply, arguing, as the president directed, that a close presidential adviser enjoys "absolute immunity" from such compulsion. The committee filed suit for

enforcement, lest Congress' oversight function be rendered anemic, even nugatory. After a district court ruled in favor of the House committee, a three-judge panel of the D.C. Circuit, in a 2-1 decision, reversed the district court, holding that a congressional committee lacks standing to enforce subpoenas against executive branch officials. If this stands, it will place almost all of the government beyond Congress' investigatory reach. In March, the D.C. Circuit agreed to Tuesday's rehearing before nine of the court's active judges. The three-judge panel was influenced by the absence of such subpoena-enforcement suits by early congresses. It is, however, fallacious to reason that a power not exercised must be nonexistent. Furthermore, the panel ignored half a century of declining institutional civilities. The Framers anticipated wary, rivalrous and jealous relations between the political branches, but not the coarse aggressiveness of the past 50 years, of which McGahn's claim, argued by the Justice Department, of "absolute immunity" is symptomatic. The committee argues that beginning with George Washington and for nearly two centuries, presidents "overwhelmingly recognized Congress' right to information and fully complied with requests or sought to accommodate Congress' interests." And, the committee says, beginning with suits pertaining to Richard Nixon's Watergate scandal, until today, courts "have uniformly held that committees have standing" to seek judicial enforcement. Perhaps the D.C. Circuit panel was being droll when it suggested that a congres-

sional committee make "a polite request" for executive branch information. It certainly was being fanciful when saying committees could hold executive officials in contempt, a toothless gesture in an era of pandemic contempt. The panel also suggested what the Judiciary Committee properly calls the "constitutional brinkmanship" of impeachment. But as John Quincy Adams explained long ago, it would make a "mockery" of impeachment for the House to lack, as a D.C. Circuit panel would have it, the power to obtain pertinent evidence. Given that the Supreme Court has acknowledged that Congress "cannot legislate wisely or effectively in the absence of information," and given that private parties have standing to enforce compliance with subpoenas, there is, the committee says, no justification for treating a congressional committee less favorably than private parties. Courts have hitherto held that individual legislators or groups of them lack standing to assert an institutional injury. However, the House has, as an institution, authorized the committee's suit. The committee says courts frequently resolve disputes about "the allocation of power between government entities." If subpoenas cannot be enforced, this judicial abstention must mean that a president has no incentive to cooperate, or negotiate a compromise, with a Congress concerned about executive negligence or corruption. McGahn's argument, the committee says, reflects "a pattern of nonaccountability" by the modern executive branch. The next column, concerning the other case to be argued Tuesday, concerns an even more egregious abuse by the uncaged lion: the unconstitutional nullification of Congress's control of spending. George Will's email address is georgewill@washpost.com.

LETTERS

Quitting smoking part of staying healthy during COVID-19 pandemic

There is little doubt that the coronavirus pandemic is affecting every aspect of our lives. Now is a crucial time to keep your body resilient against illness. Here are some tips for maintaining overall physical and mental health: Eat a healthy diet, exercise, get plenty of rest and quit smoking and vaping. Initial research shows that people who smoke may develop serious complications from COVID-19. If you'd like to quit, free help is available at 800-QUIT-NOW or QuitNowIndiana.com. Young people interested in quitting vaping can text "Indiana" to 88709 to enroll in the free "This is Quitting" text messaging program. For up-to-date information about coronavirus in Indiana, visit coronavirus.in.gov. For more information on tobacco use and COVID-19, visit QuitNowIndiana.com/covid-19.

Dan Gray
Wabash County Tobacco Free Coalition

Reporters must not play Trump's self-serving game

In theory, regular updates from the commander in chief at a time of grave crisis could help forge national unity and resolve. In practice, Donald Trump is president. Trump's daily "briefings" on the COVID-19 pandemic offer an unprecedented challenge to both the media and the general public. If journalists take seriously our responsibility to report truth rather than falsehood, we need to devise some sort of filter – a mental analogue to the face masks that so many Americans now wear to keep from contaminating others. These stage-managed afternoon performances are not really briefings at all. Sometimes they are campaign rallies designed to stoke passion among Trump's loyal base. Sometimes they are

blame-shifting exercises in which he points the fingers at governors, Democrats, China, the World Health Organization – even the previous administration, for not leaving behind a test for a disease that did not infect humans until nearly three years after Barack Obama left office. Increasingly, these unhinged sessions primarily serve as opportunities for Trump to complain bitterly about how nobody appreciates what a "perfect" job he and his administration have done in handling the pandemic. Since this narrative is objectively false, Trump has to bluster and fantasize to try to make it sound true, if only to himself.

The president uses the assembled White House correspondents as foils. Protocol and decency require them to treat him with respect, addressing him as "Mr. President" and refraining from, say, calling him a liar to his face. By contrast, Trump often berates them for asking perfectly appropriate questions. On Sunday, when CNN reporter Jeremy Diamond asked why Trump was highlighting praise for his administration on a day the U.S. death toll from COVID-19 soared past 40,000, Trump snapped at Diamond that "you don't have the brains you were born with." The president has seemed to go out of his way to target women of color among the press corps, frequently snarling at Yamiche Alcindor of PBS and telling reporter Weijia Jiang of CBS News to "keep your voice down."

Trump may believe these daily appearances are good politics, but it's unclear why. An NBC poll released Sunday showed that just 36 percent of respondents generally trust what Trump says about the coronavirus, as opposed to 66 percent who trust the governors of their states and 60 percent who believe Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. From the point of view of former Vice President Joe Biden, the presumptive Democratic nominee, an old political maxim might seem to apply: Never interfere with your opponent when he is in the process of destroying himself. Trump can never resist the spotlight, however harsh and unsparing it might be – and no matter how little he understands the material.

Whatever he's doing to his political standing, though, Trump is clearly making the task of the nation's governors and public health officials much harder. He has begun lobbying for restarting the economy by May 1 or even earlier, despite warnings from Fauci and other scientists that reopening too soon would risk inviting a new wave of infections, hospitalizations and deaths that likely would mean yet another shutdown. The president's impatience has helped inspire demonstrations at statehouses around the country calling for stay-at-home orders to be lifted. Anyone who doubts there is a cause-and-effect relationship should note the prevalence of MAGA hats and pro-Trump signs among the protest crowds.

So what should the media do? I've always believed the convention that what the president of the United States says qualifies as news. But with Trump, even the most fundamental beliefs must be reexamined. In print, we need to find ways not to amplify Trump's lies in the process of refuting them. Perhaps that means providing the accurate, corrective information before quoting the lie, even in headlines. That is hard, but not impossible.

Broadcast media should consider either taping the briefings and airing only newsworthy excerpts or providing some means of fact-checking Trump's statements in real time. Split the screen, if necessary. Cut away altogether when things go completely off the rails. Should the White House correspondents walk out en masse? No, because covering the president is their job. Making a pact to follow up on questions Trump refuses to answer truthfully won't work: Trump can back up a lie with another lie, or just walk away. But the correspondents do have another option: When Trump finishes a fact-free opening harangue, they should direct their questions to Fauci and the other experts – not to the president. Reporters are there to seek reliable information on behalf of the public, not to play Trump's self-serving game. Eugene Robinson's email address is eugenerobinson@washpost.com.

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Education



An infrared camera demonstration is one of the many videos and resources that K-12 Indiana teachers have access to thanks to the Purdue College of Science K-12 Science Outreach office updating online materials on the Science Express website.

K-12 Science Outreach office creating interactive content for students across the state

Virtual tours featuring campus displays and research labs are also available

STAFF REPORT

Purdue University’s College of Science K-12 Science Outreach office regularly serves thousands of students in classrooms across the state, according to a press release.

With the COVID-19 crisis, the outreach team has ramped up the delivery of its online materials to make even more topics available for teachers during

e-learning.

Additionally, online materials have been added to the Science Express website on electrophoresis, column chromatography, infrared cameras, mass spectrometers and notebook circuits. These video demonstrations on lab techniques are being produced at the request of current Science Express participants. Resources for younger students are available too, including elementary tabletop weather experiments to show how it rains and makes a cloud in a bottle. Examples of videos include infrared camera demonstrations and a tour of science-themed information

displays at Purdue.

The Superheroes of Science” podcast is still being produced and is available on Apple Podcasts, Stitcher and YouTube. Each podcast features an interview with a science expert, many of whom are Purdue researchers or graduates, about various topics including animal communication, photosynthesis, asteroid impacts and meteorology. Each podcast has an associated worksheet on the e-learning website for students to complete after listening.

Virtual tours featuring campus displays and research labs are also available. These showcase such

locations as the Purdue Stable Isotope facility, a solar system display and a chemistry lab. These create an interactive platform to see how science is integrated on campus.

The Outreach team also maintains an active Twitter account; and Facebook accounts at Science Express, Purdue University Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences Outreach and Purdue University K-12 Chemistry Outreach. These accounts share resources for teachers to use during this e-learning time.

For more information, visit <https://www.purdue.edu/science/K12/>.

Ivy Tech Community College Fort Wayne/Warsaw offering free Personal Care Attendant course

The five-hour classroom portion of the class will be held virtually through Zoom

STAFF REPORT

Ivy Tech Community College, including the Fort Wayne and Warsaw locations, is now offering a

free Patient Care Attendant (PCA) course in response to the much-needed support of long-term care facilities in Indiana, according to a press release.

Ivy Tech will provide the five-hour classroom portion of the PCA class virtually through Zoom, while the long-term care facilities will be responsible for three hours of skills training and check-offs on-site at the facility.

Upon completion, the eight-hour course will allow indi-

viduals to assist long-term care residents with basic needs such as feeding assistance, dressing, and more. Individuals must register through a long-term care facility to attend the training.

For more information email Martha Moody at mmoody24@ivytech.edu.

Purdue colleges’ food drive gets \$80K for local food bank

This translates to 248,761 meals that will feed families in north-central Indiana

STAFF REPORT

Purdue University’s College of Agriculture

recently led a campus virtual food drive that raised \$82,364 for Food Finders Food Bank, according to a press release.

According to metrics provided by Food Finders, this translates to 248,761 meals that will feed families in north-central Indiana. The College of Agri-

culture was joined by nine other major academic units – Purdue Libraries; School of Information Studies; the colleges of Engineering, Health and Human Sciences, Pharmacy, Science and Veterinary Medicine; the Honors College; and Polytechnic Institute.

Food Finders serves

16 counties, including Tippecanoe County, in north-central Indiana where one in eight people suffers from food insecurity. To find out more about what Food Finders is doing during the COVID-19 crisis and how to help, visit: <https://www.food-finders.org/give/>.

Trump urges states to consider opening schools before summer

By COLLIN BINKLEY
Associated Press

President Donald Trump says states should “seriously consider” reopening their public schools before the end of the academic year, even though dozens already have said it would be unsafe for students to return until the summer or fall.

Trump made the comments Monday in a call with governors discussing how to reopen their economies, among other topics.

“Some of you might start thinking about school openings, because a lot of people are wanting to have the school openings. It’s not a big subject, young children have done very well in this disaster that we’ve all gone through,” he said. While addressing Vice President Mike Pence, Trump added that it’s something “they can seriously consider, and maybe get going on.”

Later in the call, Colorado Gov. Jared Polis said his state’s schools are not reopening fully before summer but hope to open some buildings for special education meetings and for small groups of students in vocational programs.

“We’re hoping at least for

those last few weeks that kids who are taking classes that need the physical equipment, they can come in in smaller groups,” Polis said. “But we want to reconfigure it with better social distancing for next school year.”

Trump made the comments as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention worked to finalize guidelines for reopening the economy. For schools, that included putting students’ desks 6 feet apart, serving meals in the classroom instead of the cafeteria and closing playgrounds.

Reopening schools is considered key to getting the economy moving again. Without a safe place for kids, many parents would have difficulty returning to work.

But some education officials say opening schools quickly would bring major risk and little reward, especially since the end of the school year is approaching.

“Are they going to reopen for two weeks? Three weeks?” said Daniel Domenech, executive director of the American Association of School Administrators, “It’s not the right thing to do. Particularly when we’re

involving the safety and welfare of our students.”

At a White House news conference Monday, Trump acknowledged that there’s little time left in the school year, even as he said many states are thinking about getting kids back into the classroom.

“I think you’ll see a lot of schools open up even if it’s for a very short period of time,” he said. “In terms of what this vicious virus goes after, young people seem to do very well. Young people seem to do very well so I know that there are some governors that aren’t necessarily ready to open up states, but they may be ready to open up the school systems.”

Schools across the nation have closed during the coronavirus pandemic, and dozens of states have ordered their schools to remain closed through the rest of this academic year. Only a few have publicly discussed earlier openings, including Montana, which says school districts can resume classroom instruction on May 7.

In many districts, officials have said it’s still unclear whether students will be able to return to the classroom by next fall. And even

if they do, many are planning for social distancing measures that could make school look radically different from the past.

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti said on CNN that it’s “way too early” to reopen his city’s schools, adding that “you don’t get a lot of credit for moving too quickly to reopen.”

Responding to Trump’s comments, one of the nation’s largest teachers unions said there’s still much work to be done before schools can open safely. The American Federation of Teachers said there needs to be better testing and tracking for the virus, and schools must have access to personal protective equipment.

“It’s good the president understands that reopening society and the economy hinges on successfully and safely reopening schools,” said Randi Weingarten, the union’s president. “But the question should not be whether we open schools, but how we do it safely. COVID-19 is a terrible virus that has already taken too many lives, and in the absence of a vaccine, there is no magic wand or magic elixir as the president would have us believe.”

COVID-19-related local educational resources available to public

STAFF REPORT

IDOE announces at-home learning initiative

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE), in partnership with Indiana Public Broadcasting Stations (IPBS), announced Monday a partnership to offer at-home learning experiences for K-12 students, aligned to Indiana curriculum standards. Developed with the input of educators, PBS LearningMedia offers free, Indiana standards-aligned resources contextualized for educational use. The resources include grab-and-go activities, lesson plans, interactive lessons and media that illustrate specific topics or themes, and support materials across multiple subjects. For more information and access to PBS LearningMedia, visit www.pbslearningmedia.org. To view current schedules for the grade level and subject programming, as well as correlating materials, please visit www.doe.in.gov/elearning/2020-covid-19-remote-learning. Also, you can visit the IPBS website of the TV station nearest you. For a map of regional IPBS television stations, please visit www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/news/ipbs-tv-locator-map-040320.pdf.

Educators creating face shields for medical staff

Administrators and instructors at the Heartland Career Center have been working to produce face shields for hospital and medical staff, a component of the personal protective equipment, or PPE. Anyone interested in the project may email mhobbs@hcc.k12.in.us.

Access Youth Center offers free lunch sack on weekdays at two locations

The Access Youth Center’s Drive-Thru will be open from 4 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and feature a lunch sack of snacks, protein and fruit provided at the door. Both locations will be open during this time: One on the south side, New Journey Community Church, 1721 N. Vernon St. and one downtown at the AYC headquarters at 74 W. Canal St. For more information, visit www.accessyouthcenter.org or call 260-563-2070. On Mondays, Pizza King will provide pizza for both locations.

Manchester University accepting campus food pantry donations

The pantry serves 20 to 25 students a week. Donations may be made at <https://www.manchester.edu/alumni/campus-pantry-donation-form>.

Schools providing meals even during closures

Manchester Community Schools: On Saturdays, MCS will distribute a box containing food for breakfast and lunch for five days to each child ages 1 to 18. (The child must be present.) The distribution will be at the following places and times: Manchester Elementary School: From 4

to 5:30 p.m. at Door No. 8. (This is a different door than last week.); Manchester Intermediate School: From 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Door No. 1; Manchester Jr./Sr. High School: 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the back drive by tennis courts. (Please enter from Market Street.); Disko: From 4 to 4:20 p.m. (Look for the school bus.); Liberty Mills: From 4 to 4:20 p.m. (Look for the school bus.); and Servia: From 4:45 to 5:05 p.m. (Look for the school bus.)

MSD: Sites include: Meadowbrook at the bus stop; Urbana Yoke Parish Church; Lagro United Methodist Church; Roann Paw Paw Township Public Library; Metro North Elementary at door 14; LaFontaine United Methodist Church; Somerset in front of the convenience store; Friends Church in the north parking lot; and Southwood Jr/Sr High at Door No. 5. Pickup time has changed to 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. at all nine locations. This continues April 29. Even those who had signed up on the first form that was created last week should complete the updated form by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/rdaron2>.

Wabash City Schools: Schools began serving food only on Mondays and Wednesdays. Three breakfasts and three lunches will be served on Mondays. Three breakfasts and three lunches on Wednesdays. Several Wabash Cafe locations will also be serving food Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, including 11 to 11:15 a.m. at Southside Firestation, 1470 Vernon St., City Park, 800 W. Hill St., and St. Matthew’s United Church of Christ, 1717 N. Wabash St.; 11:45 to noon at Friendship Hill playground beside the YMCA, and Wabash North Wesleyan Church, 600 Manchester Ave.; and 12:30 to 12:45 p.m. at Hannah Park, 775 E. Hill St., Ivy Tech back parking lot, 277 N. Thorn St., and Church, 1206 N. Cass St.

2020 INnovate Wabash County Pitch Competition canceled

Due to the extended closing of Wabash County school corporations in response to COVID-19, Grow Wabash County has decided to cancel the 2020 INnovate Wabash County Pitch Competition originally scheduled for Wednesday, April 29.

NMPL reschedules St. Paddy’s Golden Egg Hunt

The free, all-ages event, now a “Summer Reading Themed Egg Hunt,” has been rescheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, June 13 at the North Manchester Public Library.

WCPL plans summer reading, ‘Bash Con

‘Bash Con is set to last from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, June 26 at 188 W. Hill St. ‘Bash Con’s theme for this year is “Imagine Your Story” and free booth space is available for artists and vendors. Amateur artists are encouraged and welcomed. To register, visit <https://www.wabash.lib.in.us/bash-con>. For more information, call 260-563-2972.

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